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if said first game result meets certain criteria, initiating a bonus game, said bonus game being other than a random selection of symbols by said circuitry so as not to be a version of said first game, said bonus game generating and displaying a bonus game result using said circuitry and displaying said bonus game result on said video screen,

said generating and displaying said first game result and said bonus game result being performed by the same hardware in said slot machine so as to require no additional hardware to generate and display said bonus game result; and

granting an award to a player based on said first game result and said bonus game result.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result is a bonus award for achieving a particular first game result.

3. The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result identifies an additional award paid to a player.

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4. (Twice Amended) A slot machine comprising:  
circuitry within said slot machine for generating a first game result pursuant to a first game, by displaying a combination of symbols randomly selected from a first set of symbols;  
a video display screen on said slot machine for displaying said first game result; and  
circuitry within said slot machine for initiating a bonus game, said bonus game being other than a random selection of symbols by said circuitry so as not to be a version of said first game, said bonus game generating and displaying a bonus game result, if said first game result meets certain criteria, and displaying said bonus game result on said video screen;

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wherein generating and displaying said first game result and said bonus game result is performed by the same hardware in said slot machine so as to require no additional hardware to generate and display said bonus game result.

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6. The machine of Claim 4 wherein said bonus game identifies an additional award paid to player.

7. (Amended) The machine of Claim 4 wherein said first set of symbols represent playing cards.

8. (Amended) The machine of Claim 4 wherein said first set of symbols are symbols on a video reel.

9. (Amended) The machine of Claim 4 wherein said bonus game result comprises indicia that fills a grid pattern.

10. (Amended) The machine of Claim 4 wherein said bonus game result comprises letters.

11. (Amended) The machine of Claim 4 wherein said bonus game result comprises numbers.

12. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said first set of symbols represents playing cards.

13. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said first set of symbols are symbols on a video reel.

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14. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result comprises indicia that fills a grid pattern.

15. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result comprises letters.

16. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result comprises numbers.

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